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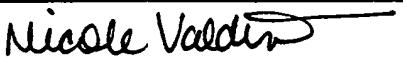
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### INTERVIEW SUMMARY IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicant hereby responds to the Examiner's Office Action of August 3, 2006, wherein the Examiner stated that Applicant's response filed on May 15, 2006 was not fully responsive because it failed to include a complete record of the substance of the telephonic interview. Applicant herein provides the Examiner with a complete record of the substance of the telephonic interview including a written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action.

Applicant does not believe that any fees are due. Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any required additional fees, or credit any overpayments to deposit account number 502725.

Please enter Applicant's response into the record as follows:

**Applicant's Interview Summary** is reflected on page 2 of this paper.

**Applicant's Interview Summary**

Participants: (1) Gregory J. Strimbu and (2) Nicole A. Valdivieso

Date of Interview: March 7, 2006

Type: Telephone interview

No exhibits or demonstrations were included.

Claims discussed: 38

Prior art discussed: Yadidya

Agreement reached: The Examiner would consider Applicant's arguments and suggested amendments, but would need to examine such amendments in light of the cited prior art.

Substance of Interview: Applicant suggested positively reciting that the L-angle bracket operates the louvers, locks the louvers in a closed position and engages the building to hold the shutter in a closed position. Applicant pointed out that this was disclosed in paragraph 26 of the specification. The Examiner stated that the rejection of record does not appear to recite the features of the L-angle bracket, however, the Examiner would have to review the references of record before a definitive judgment could be made regarding the patentability of such an amended claim.

Applicant noted generally that none of the prior art appeared to teach means for locking louvers in a closed position in combination with means for holding a shutter against a structure to create a louvered shutter resistant to hurricane force winds.

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Response dated August 21, 2006  
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Applicant submits that this Interview Summary, if entered, completes the Response submitted on May 15, 2006 and places the claims in a condition for allowance and respectfully request that such action be taken by the Examiner at this time.

Should a telephone conference be necessary to assist the Examiner's evaluation of this application, a telephone call to the undersigned at (305) 448-7089 is respectfully solicited.

Dated: August 21, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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